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1. The Schwefelsäure- und Superphosphatwerk (formerly Fertilis, Chem. Werke  
A.G.) of VEB Alcid, Coswig-Anhalt has a department producing sulphuric  
acid and a department producing superphosphate for fertilizers.
  2. The sulphuric acid section has 151 employees. The sulphuric acid which  
is produced has a concentration of approximately 99.5 per cent, the  
highest concentration reached in DDR production.
  3. The plant produces sulphuric acid from pyrites. Until spring or summer  
of 1951, pyrites were imported from Spain via Hamburg. Since the cessa-  
tion of Spanish imports, pyrites have been imported from the CSR via the  
Elbe River and by rail, although these pyrites are not mined in Czecho-  
slovakia but are delivered by other countries. The pyrites coming to  
the DDR from Czechoslovakia are of lower quality than those previously  
imported from Spain. In order to maintain the high concentration of the  
Coswig sulphuric acid, pure sulphur must be added to the pyrites currently  
used. The plant draws up to one ton of pure sulphur per month for this  
purpose from an unspecified source in Leipzig.
  4. The production quota for the Coswig plant specified the working of 180  
ton of pyrites per day until mid-January 1952, at which time it was  
increased to 186 tons daily. \*
  5. Equipment for the production of sulphuric acid at the Coswig plant was  
built by Herkus, Hanau, when the works still belonged to WAGAG (West-  
Elbisch-Anhaltische Sprengstoff AG).
  6. A very small amount of the Coswig output goes into cellulose production  
at Schwarza. \*\*The bulk of the sulphuric acid is shipped to the Schönebeck/Elbe  
works which produce explosives.

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ton of SO<sub>3</sub> per day.

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